

House Resolution 2296

By: Representatives Carter of the 175th, Black of the 174th, Shaw of the 176th, and Pruett of the 144th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. William Wesley Taylor, Lowndes High School Principal;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. William Wesley "Wes" Taylor has served as the principal of Lowndes High
4 School in Valdosta, Georgia, since 2003; and

5 WHEREAS, as principal, he has numerous accomplishments and been the recipient of
6 numerous awards and accolades, including selection as 2010-2011 Principal of the Year by
7 the Georgia Association of Secondary School Principals, 2009 Leadership Lowndes
8 Graduate, and a finalist for 2009 Secondary Educator of the Year by the Georgia Association
9 of Educational Leaders; recipient of the 2008 Distinguished Principal Award by the Georgia
10 Association of Secondary School Principals; appointee to the 2008 State School
11 Superintendent's Principal Advisory Council; and 2007 graduate of the Georgia School
12 Superintendents Association's Superintendent Professional Development Program; and

13 WHEREAS, during Mr. Taylor's tenure as principal of Lowndes High School, the school was
14 chosen as a Showcase School by the Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education in
15 2008, was selected by the Professional Association of Georgia Educators to participate in the
16 High School Redesign Initiative in 2008, was recognized as a Distinguished School by the
17 Community Partners in Education in 2008 and 2009, and received Accreditation with
18 Distinction from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools in 2007; and

19 WHEREAS, academically, the school has increased its graduation rate by 13 percentage
20 points over the last five years, increased the passage rate for the Georgia High School
21 Graduation Test, increased the number of students enrolled in Advanced Placement courses,
22 increased the number of students scoring three or higher on Advanced Placement exams, and
23 consistently maintained End-of-Course Test scores above state averages; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Taylor's educational background includes a bachelor's degree in education
25 from the University of Georgia, a master's degree in education from Georgia Southwestern
26 State University, and an education specialist's degree from Florida State University; and his
27 previous work experience includes principal of Lee County High School in Leesburg,
28 Georgia, principal of Chipley High School in Chipley, Florida, and principal of Port St. Joe
29 High School in Port St. Joe, Florida; and

30 WHEREAS, recognition is appropriate for Mr. Taylor's hard work, professionalism, and
31 selfless dedication to the education of young people; and

32 WHEREAS, Mr. Taylor is a shining example of the quality educators committed to public
33 education both in Valdosta and the State of Georgia.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
35 the members of this body hereby recognize, commend, and congratulate Mr. William Wesley
36 Taylor upon his work as principal of Lowndes High School and express their gratitude for
37 the great credit this fine educator reflects upon Valdosta and the State of Georgia.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
39 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. William Wesley Taylor.